

2011 Recycling and Trash Collection Information



"Pay As You Throw" for the City of Gloucester



Gloucester's successful "Pay As You Throw" system of trash removal has been in effect since 1990.

Official City Bags are sold at locations throughout the city at a cost of

\$2.00 each for 36 gallon bags and \$1.00 each for 13 gallon bags.

Mandatory recycling in Gloucester is scheduled for every week on your normal trash day.

Place trash and and recyclables at the curb by 7 am.

Trash Collection Information



ABOUT TRASH...

Single Family – Multi Family (4 apt. max)

Place Trash and Recyclables on curb no later than 7:00 a.m.



- All trash must be in official City of Gloucester purple bags.
- Bags are sold in packets of 5 (some locations sell single bags) at several local convenience and grocery stores.
- Trash in any other bag will not be picked up.
- Bag must be closed and tied.
- Closed city-designated bags can be placed curbside either IN or OUT of your trash barrel.
- Appliances are picked up curbside by appointment after a \$25.00 sticker has been purchased at the DPW.

What won't get picked up? Know the Rules!

- Trash that is not in an official bag will be left at the curb.
- Yard waste and leaves – Take to the Compost Facility on Dogtown Rd., open the last Saturday of each month.
- CRT's (TV's, Computer Monitors) must have a \$25.00* sticker attached, available from DPW or bring to DPW Drop Off Days.
- Bulk items without a \$5.00 sticker (available at the DPW) will not be picked up.
- Overweight (50 lbs.) trash bags.
- Construction debris – Call Hiltz Disposal at 978-283-3335 for hours and rates at their transfer facility or call Mello's Transfer Station in Georgetown at 978-352-9948.
- Household Hazardous Waste is held the last Saturday in September. (Sign up for HHW collection the beginning of September at 978-281-9785).
- Moving or Cleaning Out? – For large amounts of debris call Hiltz Disposal (978) 283-3335 for a private dumpster.
- If moving, remember to leave your recycling bin behind for the next resident.
- For general trash and recycling questions, call the DPW at 281-9785.



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Holiday Schedule: When a collection day falls on a holiday, that days collection and all remaining collections for the week will be one day later. Friday collection will be on Saturday.
Missed Collection: call Hiltz Disposal at 978-283-3335 if recycling or trash was not picked up.

ABOUT RECYCLING... IT'S MANDATORY and...

Recycling more of your trash is an important way you can help preserve our environment, reduce our consumption of precious natural resources, save yourself and our City money. The more you put out for recycling, the less you have to spend on bags. Only with your help can we reach our recycling goals. Each item that is removed from the waste stream reduces our trash disposal costs, enabling us to use that money for other important City services – all while helping to preserve our environment!

Before you throw something into your trash container, please ask yourself, "Can this be recycled?"

Even a small change can make a difference!



CRT's, televisions, computers and appliances

APPLIANCES & CRT's

\$25.00 Sticker

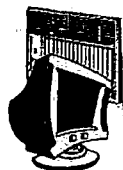
Curbside by appointment

CRT's are the leaded glass picture tubes found in televisions and computer monitors. They require special handling as do appliances. Special stickers can be purchased at the DPW business office for curbside collection.

Bulk items are any item that will not fit into your trash bag. Bulk items are collected curbside on your regular trash collection day when a \$5 bulk sticker is attached.

\$5.00 bulk item stickers are available at the DPW, Stop N Shop, The Building Center, and Tony's Variety.

Call 978-281-9785 for more info.



DROP OFF RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Composting Program

NO PLASTIC BAGS

Gloucester's compost facility, located on Dogtown Road off Cherry Street is scheduled to open on the last Saturday of every month during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for brush, leaves and yard waste.

Leaves must be clean and free of rocks & debris. Brush must be less than 4" in diameter and 4' in length. Please empty all bags for better composting and remember, no bricks, no stumps and NO PLASTIC BAGS.

There will be extended days during spring – six weeks – Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – beginning April 23rd through May 28th and – six weeks in the fall – Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – (October 29th through December 3rd).

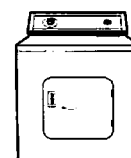


Scrap Metal Program

Metal items (at least 80% metal) can be dropped off at the DPW on the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to Noon (except the month of September).

Call 978-281-9785 for more information. Some acceptable items are bicycles, water heaters, tools, file cabinets, metal furniture, washers, dryers, metal chairs and gas grills (w/o propane tank).

WE CANNOT ACCEPT - Propane tanks or any item containing Freon, such as air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators or de-humidifiers.



Mercury & Fluorescent Light Bulb Program

Thermometers, thermostats, switches, nickel cadmium and button cell batteries can be brought to the Board of Health during normal business hours, or monthly, last Saturday at the DPW from 9 a.m. to Noon. Button cell batteries are also being collected at the Senior Center, the Audiology Dept. at the Medical Center and McPherson and Sheedy Park. Residents are encouraged to bring fluorescent light bulbs to the DPW, the Building Center or Timberline.

Automotive Recycling Program

FACT – The average automobile has 44% recycled steel content.

Oil, Oil Filters, Tires & Car Batteries – monthly, last Saturday, DPW, 9 a.m. to Noon (except the month of September.) Commercial tires are not accepted and please limit your tire disposal to 2 per month.



Oil taken during normal Recycling Saturdays is used to heat the DPW building and must be as pure as possible. Please keep water, dirt, leaves, engine/brake cleaners and other contaminants away from the oil brought here to the DPW. Contaminated oil can be brought to Hazardous Waste collection day on September 24th (by appointment).



 **RECYCLE USED OIL**

Need a Bin? Recycle bins can be picked up at DPW on Poplar Street.

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How to Recycle in Gloucester

Combine in one bin -

METAL



- Steel/Tin and Metal Food Cans
- Aluminum Pie Plates and Trays
- Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans

- Rinse clean
- Labels OK
- Crush

NO

- Paint cans
- Aerosol cans
- Metal items
- Coat hangers
- Cookware

GLASS



- Clear, and Colored Beverage Containers only

- Rinse clean
- Collar, neck rings & labels OK

NO

- Broken glass/auto glass
- Mirrors
- Ceramics (plates, cookware)
- Drinking glasses
- Light bulbs
- Windows



Recycling (1) glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100 watt light bulb for 4 hours.

PLASTIC



- All rigid plastic containers #1 - #7
- Milk, Water, Soda & Juice Bottles
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Laundry, Bleach/Fabric Softener Bottles
- Gable/waxy Cartons (examples - OJ and cream containers)

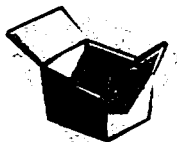
- Rinse Clean and crush or flatten to conserve space



NO

- PLASTIC BAGS - bring to grocery stores
- Styrofoam packaging of ANY KIND (peanuts, packing etc.)
- Chemical and Motor Oil containers
- Plastic Plant Pots to Wolf Hill Nursery
- No Plastic toys

CARDBOARD



ALL Cardboard is mandatory to Recycle.

It will NOT be accepted into the trash!

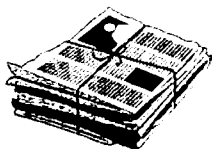
- Break down, flatten or fold boxes, cartons & other pieces of cardboard into 3' x 3' x 1' bundles then tie them together and place next to or beside your bin!

NO

- Contaminated boxes
- Soiled pizza boxes (Cut out grease stained areas.)

DO NOT place inside another box.

PAPER



- Newspapers
- Magazines, Catalogs
- Junk Mail, Envelopes
- Books (remove hard-covers)
- Paper Bags
- Phone Books
- Office/Computer Paper
- Boxboard (such as cereal, cracker - remove liners)

- Put paper in paper grocery bags
- Remove covers on hardcover books
- Keep paper free from food and plastic wrapping.

NO

- Food-soiled paper/boxes
- PLASTIC BAGS - can be recycled at grocery stores
- Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disposable diapers
- Frozen-food boxes

SORTING RECYCLABLES

- Glass, Plastic and Metals may be combined in a Recycle Bin
- Mixed paper products placed next to or on top of bin (please do not place paper on wet or snow covered surfaces)
- Cardboard bundles placed next to bin
- DO NOT mix loose paper with plastic/glass/metal containers - It must be separate

CONTAINERS

- Please have at least one Recycling Bin to identify recycling. Larger personal containers may be used for plastics, glass, bottles & cans only, provided a Recycling Sticker is on the outside and weighs less than 50 lbs. Stickers may be obtained at the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 28 Poplar Street. There is a \$5.00 fee to replace recycling bins.



Every ton of paper made from recyclable materials saves seventeen trees.

Remember, you're not really recycling unless you're buying recycled.



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Special Collections

Curbside pick-up of CHRISTMAS TREES

Week of January 10th-14th

Special curbside collection during January 10th to 14th, on your regular trash collection day. Trees are picked up in a separate truck and must be free of decorations and lights. Have trees out by 7:00 am. No PLASTIC BAGS. Trees in bags will NOT be picked up. Another option is to bring your tree to the Compost Facility on January 8th or 29th.



Special Drop Off Days

To try to control traffic and waiting times, we have changed our Drop Off Days a little bit.

Clothing and Book Drop Off Days – March 26th and August 27th from 9 a.m. to noon. ONLY clothing and books will be accepted!

Electronics Drop Off and Paper Shredding – April ~~22nd~~^{30th} and October 29th from 9 a.m. to noon. ONLY electronics and paper shredding will be accepted! (Fees to be announced.)



Hazardous Waste Day ... by registration only!
Saturday, September 24th

contaminated
oil

Call 978-281-9785

oil-based
paints



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day ... will take place on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon to collect oil based paints, chemicals, insecticides, pool chemicals, old gas, contaminated oil, and other environmentally hazardous chemicals from residents. Pre-registration is required. For more information and phone registration – call the DPW at 978-281-9785 after September 1st.



old gas

Spring and Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

Spring Curbside Collection – April 18th - 22nd

Fall Curbside Collection – November 28th - December 2nd

Curbside pick-up of
LEAVES ONLY

Place leaves in paper leaf bags or loose in marked barrels. Collection is for one week only on your regular trash day.

No plastic bags!



For More Information, call 978-281-9785